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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

## Office Action Summary

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20,21 and 24-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 20,21 and 24-59 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to preliminary amendment (filed 9/3/02), claims 1-19, 22, 23 have been cancelled, claims 20 and 21 amended, and claims 24-59 added. Claims 20, 21 and 24-59 are pending.

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Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 20-31, drawn to a device that contains a composition, wherein the composition comprises a PTH fragment, a bulking agent, and a propellant.
- II. Claims 32-55, drawn to a device that contains a composition, wherein the composition comprises a PTH fragment and a propellant, but the composition lacks a penetration enhancer.
- III. Claims 56, 57, 59, drawn to a method for treating a host by administering a composition which comprises a PTH fragment, a bulking agent, and a propellant.
- IV. Claim 58, drawn to a method for treating a host by administering a composition which comprises a PTH fragment and a propellant, and wherein the composition lacks a penetration enhancer.

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The claimed inventions are distinct.

Groups I and II are related as combination/subcombination. As is well known in the art, pharmaceutical compositions can be administered to the lung, and can be effective without including a compound to which the label "penetration enhancer" has been applied.

Inventions {I, II} and {III, IV} are actually not related as product and process of use. The reason is that inventions I and II are drawn to a device that contains a composition, whereas Groups III and IV are drawn to a method of using a composition. However, in the event that either of Groups I or II is elected, and claims therein found allowable, the corresponding method-of-use claims will be rejoined therewith, provided that all of the limitations introduced into the "device" claims are introduced into the method claims as well (including, of course, recitation of the device itself).

Applicant is advised that for the response to this requirement to be complete, an election of the invention to be examined must be indicated, even if the requirement is traversed (37 C.F.R. 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently filed petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

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In addition to the foregoing, applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect disclosed species (as follows) for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

a ) a specific fragment of PTH, e.g., a peptide which consists of the 34 N-terminal amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 1;

b ) the composition is one of the following: (i) in the form of a powder and no liquid is present, (ii) mixture of a solid and a liquid in which most or all of the solid is insoluble, or (iii) a homogeneous solution which is obtained by dissolving a solid composition into a liquid;

c ) a specific, fully defined composition in which fully 100% of the ingredients are accounted for. If the term "consisting essentially of" or "comprising" or "including" is used to describe the composition, then what is

being described in not a specie but a genus. In addition, each ingredient should be specifically identified. For example, the terms "chlorofluorocarbon", "additive", and "bulking agent" are generic, and do not amount to a specific identification of the compound in question. To reiterate, fully 100% of the ingredients present in the composition should be accounted for.

Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a generic claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP 809.02(a).


Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentable distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 of the other invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lukton whose telephone number is 571-272-0952. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon Weber, can be reached at 571-272-0925. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-1600.

  
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